



Thomas Bourque

June 21, 1933 - September 10, 2011

Murrells Inlet

Thomas Joseph Bourque, Sr.

Thomas Joseph Bourque, Sr. age 78, died Saturday, September 10, 2011 at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center.

Born in Springfield, MA, he was the son of the late Anastace and Edna Mae Bourque. Before retiring to Myrtle Beach in 1995, he and his wife Kathleen of 51 years lived in West Springfield and Westfield MA. Tom was a US Navy Veteran, a member of the American Legion and Past Exalted Ruler of the B.P.O.E. of West Springfield, MA. He retired from Holyoke Community College in Holyoke, MA after many years of service. Tom was also a member of Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church, volunteered with Meals on Wheels and at the South Strand Senior Health Center for over 3 years.

Survivors include his wife Kathleen B. Bourque of Murrells Inlet; sons, Thomas J. Bourque, Jr. of FL, Michael J. Bourque, Sr. of Myrtle Beach, SC; daughter Catherine (John) Meriano of CT; six grandchildren, Michael J. Bourque Jr of GA, Allison Bourque of FL, Sean Kennedy-Bourque of FL, Jamie Kennedy-Bourque of FL, Kathleen Meriano of CT, Jay Meriano of CT; sisters Jeanne Bourque of RI and Ednamae (Tom) Fitzgerald of MA. Mr.

Bourque was predeceased by a sister; Margaret Atkins.

A memorial mass will be held at 11:00 AM, Monday, September 12, 2011 at Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church, Pawleys Island, SC.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM Sunday, September 11, 2011 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church Life Center.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

BL

“ Dear Kathy & family,
My condolences on the loss of Tommy. He and I started working at HCC around the same time and because of that we became compadres. There was quite a bit of laughter when Tommy was around. And there was never any doubt how much he loved all of you.

"Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy."

Eskimo Proverb

*Sincerely,
Beth Leary
HCC Business Office*

Beth Leary - September 14, 2011 at 10:52 AM

MR

“ Dear Kathy,

Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of Tom. I will ever remember your conversations when they included your wonderful husband. It was always obvious how much you loved him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Mary Ellen (Reed-Yopak)

Mary Ellen Reed-Yopak - September 13, 2011 at 06:42 PM

SM

“ Please accept my condolences in the loss of Tommy. He was quite a character, and his sense of humor quite legendary here at Holyoke Community College! It was a pleasure to make his acquaintance many years ago. Saddened by your loss and will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Susan Mulry,
HCC Library

Susan Mulry - September 13, 2011 at 01:36 PM

WM

“ Please accept my condolences in the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. A truly great man who could always make you smile.

Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Wanda Muller
HCC

Wanda Muller - September 13, 2011 at 12:26 PM

DB

“ Dear Kathy
I was so sorry to hear about Tommy's passing. He was a terrific guy with a big heart and great sense of humor. He will truly be missed.

Debbie Bruno
HCC

Deborah Bruno - September 13, 2011 at 09:42 AM

MM

“ Dear Kathy, Jim and I wanted you to know that you're in our thoughts and prayers. Tom was a wonderful, sweet man. He will be missed.

Maria and Jim Moniello - September 12, 2011 at 01:30 PM

EM

“ Dear Kathy and family, I was so sorry to hear about Tommy's passing. HCC was his other family. We had alot of laughs. When he retired, a big part of HCC went with. My thoughts and prayers are with are with you and your family.

Elaine Madra - September 12, 2011 at 12:06 PM

PG

“ Dear Kathy and family,

I was sorry to read of Tommy's passing in the paper. I have so many fun memories of our time at the West Spfld Elks. My condolences to all of you, and will keep you all in my prayers at this sad time.

Pat Glasheen

Pat Glasheen - September 12, 2011 at 10:26 AM

LG

“ *Kathy, Katie, Tommy and Mike.*

So sorry to hear about Tom. My Mom, Tommy and I send you our deepest sympathies. We have so many really fond memories from Squassick Road and from H.C.C.. He meant a lot to many people. Although we haven't seen or spoken to you in many years, we remember and speak often of times past. He is with my Dad now and no doubt they will be best buddies again. We will keep him and all of you in our prayers.

Best,

Laura (Howard) Gronski, Terri and Tommy Howard

Laura Howard Gronski - September 12, 2011 at 09:54 AM

DG

“ *Kathleen, Catherine, Tom Jr., & Michael & grandchildren,*

Tommy brought a smile and laughter to everyone's day at Holyoke Community College. There was a group of us that had lunch together everyday and as long as Tommy joined us, there was no doubt there'd be some good storytelling, laughter, and good times to get us through the rest of the afternoon. Tommy had a good heart and there was never any doubt how proud he was of his family and how much he loved you. I'm sorry I can't be there to express my condolences in person. H.C.C. was never quite the same once Tommy retired. You are all in my thoughts and prayers and the next time it's thundering, it won't be the clouds banging around, it will be Tommy making the angels laugh with a story only told the way he could tell it. - God bless Tommy and all of you.

Dede Gintowt, H.C.C.

Dede Gintowt - September 11, 2011 at 09:21 PM

DG

“ Dear Mrs. Bourque and sons,
I was so saddened to read of Mr. Bourque's passing in the paper this morning. I was looking forward to him coming back to me on Monday. He was my special guy , I loved caring for him every Mon. Wed. Fri. He always scolded me for calling him Mr. Bourque and would say, "call me Tom". (but never "pumpkin") ; He was so very sweet and never complained. I will miss him very much. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time- may your memories of him give you comfort.
Sincerely, Dorothy Gilardi

Dorothy Gilardi - September 11, 2011 at 09:02 AM

NE

“ I was sorry to learn on Tommy's death. He was a valued member of the Holyoke Community College staff and family. One of those people who worked behind the scenes to make the college a welcoming and valuable place for students. Always a smile on his face, a friendly greeting, a warm welcome. It was a pleasure to work with him.
May the many memories of happy times together help to sustain the family. My sympathy and thoughts are with you all.
Nancy Eddy
Vice-president emeritus

Nancy Eddy - September 11, 2011 at 07:50 AM